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# Aviation Careers

**It starts.....**



**with a dream**

Aviation offers various career and job opportunities for individuals. Contributing \$594 billion to the economy, U.S. aviation and related industries employ more than 8.4 million Americans. Job forecasters are predicting a shortage of people to fill jobs in the aviation field, including avionics and air traffic control equipment repairman, airline pilots, and mechanics. Commercial and general aviation provide hundreds of careers, from airport manager to crop duster to flight engineer to aircraft interior design.



Aviation is directly responsible for 229,000 Arizona jobs with an annual payroll of \$7 billion. This includes employment at the state's airports and on-airport businesses, aerospace manufacturers, aviation education programs, the tourism industry, and military bases. Together, these aviation related activities had a primary impact of \$18.2 billion on the Arizona economy.

# Careers

Pilots and Flight Engineers

Flight Attendants

Airline Non-Flying Careers

Aircraft Manufacturing

Aviation Maintenance and Avionics

Airport Careers

Government Careers



# Pilots and Flight Engineers

Airline Captain

Airline First Officer

Flight Engineer or Second Officer

Commercial Airplane or Helicopter Pilot

Agricultural Pilot

Air Taxi or Charter Pilot

Patrol Pilot

Test Pilot

Ferry Pilot

Flight Instructor

Corporate Pilot



# Salary, Education and Employers for Pilots



## Salary Range

## Education Requirements

## Who Employs

Agricultural Pilot

\$20,000 -  
\$70,000

High school diploma, special training and  
license

Agricultural operators, large farms

Air Taxi Pilot

\$9.00 -  
\$18.00/hr

College Preferred

Fixed base operators, air taxi  
operators

Air Traffic Reporting  
Pilot

\$18,000 -  
\$40,000

College Preferred

Radio & TV; traffic reporting  
companies

Astronaut

\$42,000 -  
\$80,000

Engineering, physical science, physics, or  
similar advanced degree

NASA





Corporate Pilot	\$19,400 - \$115,000	College Preferred; most require 4 year degree	Companies with flight departments
Flight Instructor	\$12,300 - \$40,530	High school diploma	Flight schools
Helicopter Pilot	\$29,000 - \$57,000	College Preferred; most require 4 year degree	Helicopter operators; corporate flight departments
Major/National Airline Pilot	\$23,000 - \$250,000	College Preferred; most require 4 year degree	Major and National airlines
Military Pilot	\$21,290 - \$99,000	College degree	U.S. Armed Forces
Regional Airline Pilot	\$16,500 - \$60,000	College Preferred; most require 4 year degree	Regional Airlines
Test Pilot	\$15,000 - \$200,000	College Preferred	FAA, airlines, aircraft manufacturing plants, government agencies



# Flight Attendants



Airline Flight Attendant

Corporate Flight Attendant

# Salary, Education and Employers for Flight Attendants

## Salary Range

## Education Requirements

## Who Employs

Flight  
Attendants

\$23,700 -  
\$69,000

High school diploma, special training, college  
preferred

Airlines or corporate  
charters



# Airline Non-flying Careers

Flight Dispatcher  
Meteorologist  
Schedule Coordinator  
Station Manager or Agent  
Ticket Agent  
Ground Attendant  
Skycap



Air Freight or Cargo Agent  
Passenger Service Agent  
Sales Representative or Account Executive  
District Sales Manager  
Ramp Service Personnel  
Cabinet Machine Mechanic  
Food Service Employees  
Ramp Planner  
Auto Mechanic  
Engineer  
Instructors  
Administrative Personnel



# Salary, Education and Employers for Non-Flying Careers



## Salary Range

## Education Requirements

## Who Employs

Flight Dispatcher

\$25,000 -  
\$100,000

Dispatcher's license; college degree and  
experience preferred

Airlines

Meteorologist

\$17,000 -  
\$47,000

Meteorology degree; experience preferred

National Weather Service, airlines,  
private weather companies

Schedule Coordinator

\$14,000 -  
36,000

College degree preferred; experience  
helpful

Airlines

Station Manager or  
Agent

\$12,000 -  
\$31,000

High school diploma; experience  
preferred

Airlines

# Salary, Education and Employers for Non-Flying Careers



## Salary Range

## Education Requirements

## Who Employs

Fire and Crash Rescue	\$16,000 - \$48,000	Special training, college preferred	Medium to large airports
Fixed Base Operator/Manager	\$24,000 - \$65,000	High school diploma, college degree sometimes preferred	FBO
Safety Inspector	\$26,000 - \$85,000	Engineering degree and/or experience as a pilot or mechanic	FAA
Customer Service Representative	\$18,000 - \$31,200	High school diploma, business experience	Airlines

# Salary, Education and Employers for Non-Flying Careers



## Salary Range

## Education Requirements

## Who Employs

Reservation Sales Agent

\$12,000 –  
38,600

High school diploma, two years college preferred

Airlines

Ticket Agent

\$18,500 -  
\$31,200

High school diploma; two years college preferred

Airlines

Ground Attendant

\$18,000 -  
\$32,400

High school diploma

Airlines

Skycap

\$13,200 -  
\$25,200 plus  
tips

High school diploma

Airports, airlines

# Salary, Education and Employers for Non-Flying Careers

## Salary Range

## Education Requirements

## Who Employs

Air Freight or Cargo Agent	\$15,000 - \$31,000	High school diploma, shipping experience	Airlines, air freight operators
Passenger Service Agent	\$18,000 - \$31,000	High school diploma; experience helpful	Airlines
Ramp Service Personnel	\$8.00 - \$15.00/hr	High school diploma	Airlines, airport authorities
Cabin Maintenance Mechanic	\$10.00 - \$17.00/hr	High school diploma, technical training	Airlines



# Aviation Career Links

[www.avjobs.com](http://www.avjobs.com)

[www.avscholars.com](http://www.avscholars.com)

[www.aviationjobsearch.com](http://www.aviationjobsearch.com)

[www.aviationemployment.com](http://www.aviationemployment.com)

[www.aviationjobsonline.com](http://www.aviationjobsonline.com)

[www.avianation.com](http://www.avianation.com)

# Flight School Links

[www.justflightschools.com](http://www.justflightschools.com)

[www.aviationschoolsonline.com](http://www.aviationschoolsonline.com)

[www.firstflight.com](http://www.firstflight.com)

[www.aopa.org/learntofly/school/index.cfm](http://www.aopa.org/learntofly/school/index.cfm)

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